

- F. It permits patients, who would otherwise be confined to institutions during the fertile period of life, to return to their homes and friends.
- G. The records show that many moron girls paroled from institutions after sterilization have married and are happy and succeeding fairly well. They could never have managed and cared for children, to say nothing of the possible inheritance and fate of such children.
- H. Homes are kept together by sterilization of husband or wife in many mild cases of mental disease, thus removing the dread by the normal spouse of the procreation of a defective child and permitting normal marital companionship.
- I. There is no discovery vitally affecting the life, happiness and well being of the human race in the last quarter of a century about which intelligent people know less than they know about modern sterilization. The operation is simple; it removes no organ or tissue of the body. It has no effect on the patient except to prevent parenthood. Under conservative laws, sanely and equitably administered, these discoveries developed by the medical profession now offer to the mentally ill, feeble-minded, and epileptic the protection of sterilization.

ORGANIZATION

I. Eugenics Board

The Eugenics Board of North Carolina, as specified in the statute, consists of the following five members: (1) Commissioner of Public Welfare, (2) Secretary of the State Board of Health, (3) Chief Medical Officer of the State Hospital at Raleigh, (4) Attorney General, and (5) Chief Medical Officer of an institution for the feeble-minded or mentally ill not located in Raleigh. The latter person is designated from time to time by the other four members.

The Board is authorized to appoint a secretary, not a member of the Board, to conduct the business of the Board between meetings, receive all petitions, keep records, call meetings and act as executive of the Board in such matters as may be delegated by the Board. Communications with the Eugenics Board should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Eugenics Board of North Carolina, Post Office Box 2599, Raleigh, N. C.

II. Eugenics Board Meetings

The Eugenics Board meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday to act on all petitions which have been filed and to transact other necessary business. In an emergency a special meeting of the Board may be held if all information needed by the Board is filed with the Executive Secretary and the need for such special action has been established.